Provision of imported superior kerosene oil to States

*404. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to import Superior Kerosene Oil (S.K.O.);

(b) if so, the quantum of S.K.O. proposed to be imported, country-wise;

(c) whether the imported S.K.O. is proposed to be made available to Gujarat;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the States where this imported S.K.O. is proposed to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Against the consumption of about 8.926 MMT during 1994-95, about 4.240 MMT of SKO was imported. The Oil Economy Budget (OEB) 1995-96, which is yet to be finalised, envisages import of about 4.182 MMT of SKO. Petroleum products, including SKO are imported under term contract with the national oil companies of the oil producing countries and through spot purchases. Spot purchases are not always relatable to specific countries.

(c) to (e) There is no system of allocating imported and indigenous SKO separately to the States/UTs in the country. Bulk allocation of SKO is made by the Central Government to States/UTs on historical basis with a moderate growth. Supplies to States UTs are made out of the total pool of indigenous and imported SKO and movement of indigenous and imported SKO is planned as per supply-demand logistics for each area.

Electrification of rail lines in Andhra Pradesh

*407. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any time bound plan to electrify the rail lines in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total kilometres under electrification in Andhra Pradesh at present?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following Railway Electrification Projects are in progress in Andhra Pradesh:

Section	RKM	Target
1. Renigunta-Tsakibanda (Part of Renigunta-Hospet) . . .	328	March, 98
2. Mustabada-Visakhapatnam incl. Samalkot-Kakinada (Part of Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam) . . .	353	March 98
3. Dornakal-Singareni (Branch line of S.C. Railway) . . .	26	March, 96